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LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE CART CREEK VEGETATION PROJECT

USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Vernal and Flaming Gorge Ranger Districts, Uintah and Daggett Counties, Utah
We are accepting comments on a proposed timber and forest health project that includes aspects of fuels reduction, public safety, and aspen restoration. The project area is located 25 miles north of Vernal, UT.

We would conduct approximately 3,937 acres of vegetation treatments, including aspen treatments, selective cutting/thinning, pre-commercial thinning, clearcuts/patch clearcuts, and overstory removal, as well as some tree seedling planting. The project would require a technical project-specific forest plan amendment to allow for opening sizes over 40 acres, since our current (1986) forest plan limits opening sizes to 40 acres for the management areas of the project.

Details on the proposal and associated analysis can be found online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ashley/landmanagement/projects>.

How to Comment and Timeframe

We will accept electronic, mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered written comments concerning this action for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

This project is subject to an objection process (36 CFR 218, subparts A and B). Your site-specific, written comments will afford you the right to object to the upcoming draft decision on this project, which we expect to release this winter with the environmental assessment and what we anticipate will be a finding of no significant impact. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments on the proposed project during a designated opportunity for public comment will be eligible to file an objection. Comments must meet the requirements in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Submit written comments to the responsible official (Susan Eickhoff, Forest Supervisor) at: 355 N. Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT 84078 or email comments to comments-intermtn-ashley@usda.gov. Please include the project name in the email subject line.

Comments may also be faxed to 435-781-5142 or hand-delivered to the above address Monday through Friday during the regular business hours of 0800 to 1630, excluding federal holidays.

For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

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